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1. A method of controlling use of copying software on a computer, wherein the computer includes a hardware ID ("HWID"), the method comprising:

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accessing a hard-coded identifier within the copying software when the copying software is launched;
accessing the HWID of the computer;
comparing the HWID with the hard-coded identifier; and
proceeding to a copying function only if the HWID and the hard-coded identifier match.

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2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
obtaining the HWID from the computer; and
hard-coding the copying software with the obtained HWID.

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3. The method of claim 1 wherein the copying software is programmed with a password, the method further comprising:
receiving a password from a user of the copying software;
and

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proceeding to a copying function only if the received password matches the programmed password.